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## **BUFFALO SEARCHING** FOR ONE BIG IDEA.

Fortune Offered for Crowning Feature of the Pan-American Exposition.

HAS NO TOWER OR WHEEL.

Attractions Include Trip Over Niagara and the Galveston Storm.

DEPCEDATE SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 8 .- When the doors of the Pan-American Exposition are thrown open at Buffalo next May the directors hope to have some one stupendous spectacular exhibit which will be memorable. What the Ferris Wheel was to the Chicago Fair and the Eiffel Tower was to the Paris Exposition in 1889, this eagerly sought-for feature must be to the Buffalo Fair of 1901.

But the hope is that the grand novelty of the Buffalo Exposition may be much more notable than any feature which has marked any previous world's fair here or abroad. To encourage the best brains and inventive skill, the directors have offered \$100,000 as a grand prize for an idea which shall make the Pan-American Exposition a

Several curious ideas have already been submitted to the directors, but the monumental prize-winning idea is still engerly

Some of the spectacular wonders of the Pan-American Exposition, which will set the pace for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held two years later in St. Louis, include a sailing trip in an airship, taking a voyage to the moon, a submarine voyage under the waters of Niagara River. safely shooting Niagara Falls, riding on a rainbow across the sky, seeing the Gai-veston evolus, witnessing an eruption of one of our newly acquired volcanoes in Hawari and seeing the longest shot ever fired out of a big cannon, a distance of

ANTS TO BRING AIRSHIP ACROSS THE SEA.

A feature of the exposition that will pos-shly attract attention will be Count Von

A whole train of these monster flying ma-hines will be brought over from Germany. This is the airship that Count Von Zeppelln, the noted acconautic expert of the German Army, tested with such success dur-ing last summer and fall at Lake Constance, in Switzerland. For the first time in the world's history an airship was made that could rise and travel against the

that could rise and travel against the wind, change its course like a ship at sea and return to its starting point.

So practical did Count von Zeppells's first airship seem that cable dispatches announced last month that the German Government had purchased it to be used in its army and navy. Count von Zeppelin at once set about to organize a company to build several new airships to take to the

aerial voyage with them. He calculates that he can cross the ocean in four days. He alms to have his train of airships come flying through the air and ailght on the exposition grounds on the opening day, May I. During the exposition his programme is to have the airships make several trips a day to Niagara Fulls and other places of therese near Euffalo. Each one of these interest near Buffalo. Each one of these airships will consist of a colossal aluminum frame 416 feet in length and 25 feet in diam-The body of the ship ib divided into seventeen compartments, each containing gas bag. Two four-bladed screw propellers are mounted on each side of the balloon body. Finlike rudders are placed along the

Beneath this balloon body is hung an aluminum platform and deck 300 feet long. Here the machinery is placed, as well as the staterooms and promenade deck for the pas-sengers, of whom about 300 can be accompanted. The sensations of a trip in such an sirship, sailing half a mile high above the city of Buffaio, hovering over the roaring chasm of Niagara and racing with the clouds, will quite eclipse all previous human

STRWARINE SEA

SERPENT RAILWAY BUILDING. Another strange sight on the exposition ounds will be the submarine sea serpent menster and long, scaly, jointed body, this mechanical creature will crawl clear around the exposition grounds on an elevated track. Inside its body a hundred passengers may and the most comfortable accommodations, Through its glass sides they can look down and take is a panoramic view of the whole brilliant spectacle of the many-colored exlightion buildings, the courts and grounds.

Then suddenly the serpentine railroad train will dive down underneath the water of a neighboring lake or Niagara River and enter a submarine station. Here the pas-sengers can alight and take lunch or dinner

far below the surface of the water.

How this submarine train can enter the closed behind it. Hydraulle pumps are started, and in a few minutes the water from the train shed is exhausted, allowing

peopling in at the windows, a most inter-esting place it will be.

This submarine reliroad train, which seems such a marvel, is nothing more than a closely vestibuted train with cars made glass and iron, and the ends fitted together

so nicely as to make the whole look like the body of an enormous serpent. The sight of this peculiar object will be curious enough by day. But by night it will be stranger still, when searchights gleam from the monster's eyes, and its long, writing body is aglow with electric lights.

CARS TO TRAVEL

A rainbow spanning the exposition srounds and shining in the sun with all the colors of the spectrum will be another narvel of the exposition. At night it will

lights in rainbow colors. Then, most curious sight of all, cars will start at ends of the rainbow and climb up. arch and come down to earth again. Whoever heard of riding on a rainbow

But here it will be accomplished if the rainbow builders can get their stupendous work done according to calculations. It is to be a steel framework, covered with col-ored glass, to imitate all the colors of the natural rainbow.

Shooting Ningara Falls is still another of the enterprising projects for entertaining visitors to the exposition. The falls are really twenty miles away from the show grounds, but Niagara will be well utilized decks of the Government vessels the fall of the shot will be determined by cross-

### **BUFFALO'S OFFER** FOR NOVEL FEATURE.

American Exposition offer \$10,000 reward for the idea that will make the Fair memorable. It is stipulated that . the plan or suggestion shall be along the line of the Liffel Tower of the Paris Exposition or the Ecross e Wheel of Chicago. So far numerous e plans have been submitted, but the

The prominent features now out-Hned are a submarine railroad, the . carrying of a boat over Niagara 6 Falls, a trip to the moon, anchip trips over Lake Eric, and a reproduction of the Galveston storm.

The United States Government has . consented to target practice with the new twelve-inch gam. Shots will be .

lake.
The Exposition opens its gates in 
May, and, as a whole, will give the East the preliminary forecast of the
 St. Louis World's Fair.

with its dozen passengers.

When it comes to the precipice where the waters shoot forward and downward with tremendous fury the little boat will be lifted up by the long crane of the derrick. then slowly lowered down, down, hundred-of feet through the mist and roar of fal-ing waters, till the launch bobs along on the rapids below.

Then it will be skillfully guided ashore

GALVESTON TORNADO TO BE REPRODUCED.

Almost equally thrilling will be the sight of the Galveston tornado. In a large octagonal building on the exposition ground this appalling disaster will be re-enacted. Those who wish to see it will pass into the middle of what looks like one of the cyclorama buildings so common a few years ago. In the middle of it the visitors will find themselves in a glass house. Looking out through its transparent sides they will see

the panorama of a tropical city and a blue sea in the distance.

The streets of the city are lined with paims and oleanders. The houses have a touch of the graceful architecture of the Alhambra. The sky above it is a most brilliant blue. It is Galveston just before the disaster last September.

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In a moment the scene is overcast. A dark cloud rolls up from the sea. It assumes the form of a serpent. It lifts its writhing body from earth to middeaven.

It comes on with the fury of a dragon, It is the whirling tornado. It strikes the city, houses tumble like cards, torrents pour down from the sky, the sea rushes in with great tidal waves and overwhelms all. Vivid flashes of lightning reveal a scene of terrible devastation. terrible devostation.

This startling spectacle is to be produced

by actual foods of water let down from the roof of the building, beating against the walls of the glass house where the spectators are.

The changing scenes will be produced like

built in the form of the volcano of Hawaii, Here night eruptions will occur, the volcano belching forth fire hundreds of feet into the air, while mimic lava runs down its sides in lurid streams.

Those who are looking for something like

the familiar and popular Ferris wheel will find it in the modified form of the giant see-saw. This will be a huge metallic beam 275 feet long, resting on what looks like a small Elife! tower. At the ends of the beam will be hig wheels, each supplied with four cars. When one end of the long beam starts to rise in the air the wheel will slowly go round, giving a double motion to the occupants. In this revolving sec-saw-fashlon they will rise to a height of almost 250 feet and then descend. It is also proposed to build a big buffalo,

almost as large as a mountain, with a wind-ing stairway about it. From the hump of the mammoth people will get a splendid view of the Exposition grounds and the city named after this typical American

Bridsl couples, who, in the year 1901, visit Niagara Falls and the exposition will have the further privilege of spending part of their honeymoon on the moon. This spe-cial favor is due to the fact that Frederick Thompson of New York, the inventor of the feature, is making arrangements with the Panamerican Exposition authorities at Buf-falo by which trips to the earth's satellite may be made on the airship Lunette, at in-tervals of ten minutes.

By a combination of electrical mechanism

and scenic and lighting effects, it is proposed to produce the sensation of leaving the earth and flying through space amid stars, comets and planets to the moon. This novel feature will be located in an im-mense building, 270 feet long, 225 feet wide and 80 feet high.

### SHOT WILL BE FIRED DISTANCE OF TWENTY MILES.

At last the airship enters the atmosphere station without letting in a flood of water of the moon and drops toward a vast sea of might seem a difficult problem. But it is really very simple. As the train enters the summit cloud, out of which, on all sides, towers a thousand snow-clad peaks, and around which the clouds sweep and sweeve. The mist thins out and drifts by in started, and in a few minutes the water from the train shed is expansive allowing. from the train shed is exhausted, allowing the passengers to waik in comfort from the cars into the fairy-like grotto. With water all above and about it, and with fishes peeping in at the windows, a most interesting place it will be.

This submarine cultivaid train, which

Wonderful City.
A glant automaton, with speech and action, makes the real legendary "Man in the Moon," and before his throne six becutiful maidens of his court dezzie the Le-

At length the ruste bids the travelers make an exit at a door opposite that at which they entered, and embark for the

return trip to the earth.

The United States is going to fire a shot The United States is going to fire a shot that will be heard around the world at the Pan-American Exposition. It will be fired from a twelve-inch gun, and it will be the world's record for listance. It will travel close upon twenty mies. United States artillery officers make this estimate, and the area given as her will be a set of the second state. and they are not given to beasting or making mistakes. This instance will utterly outstrip all previous records made with

heavy artillery.

The shot, it is said, will be fired, in all probability, by the Pres' lent of the Un'tei States, by means of electrical connection between the White House it. Washington and the Pan-American Exposition grounds

The range selected for the firing of Amertea's long-range shot will be the surface Lake Erie. Owing to the proximity of the Pan-American Exposition grounds, a beau-tiful range is secured over Lake Erie's wareally twenty miles away from the show grounds, but Niagara will be well utilized as a nort of annex feature.

One exhibitor is now figuring on constructing a mammoth swinging derrick on Goat Island.

This is the point of rock in midstream which commands the best view of the falls. Here a covered launch is to be moored with a strong tackle fastened to the long arm of the derrick. Out into the stream above the talls the little craft will float.



A LETTER TO SANTA.

# FIRE AT ST PETER'S

Mrs. William Short, Wife of the Rector, Telephoned In the Alarm.

AUDITORIUM BADLY DAMAGED.

Blaze Caused by an Overheated Furnace-Loss Will Be \$5,000 -Services in the Building This Afternoon.

Fire in the basement and auditorium of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, at build several new airships to take to the Pan-American Exposition.

The changing scenes will be produced like the stage effects in theaters. The whole affair is expected to be most realistic. The efficiency and make the first transcriber in the stage effects in theaters. The whole affair is expected to be most realistic. The efficiency and make the first transcriber in the same way. Lindell boulevard and Spring avenue, last

p. m. to-day. Mrs. Short, wife of the Reverend William Short, rector of the church, telephoned in short, feetor of the church, trephoned in the first alarm that reached the Fire De-partment. The alarm boxes in the netza-borhood were out of order, and by the time T. M. McCorkell, who discovered the blaze, could race over to Spring avenue and Westminster place, where the next nearest box Page, is located, Mrs. Short had succeeded in 2. Around the Globe for Love and Lucre. reaching the Fire Department by her reac-

Just before 8 p. m., the bour for choir practice, flames suddenly illuminated the southwest nave of the auditorium. In the darkness the stained glass arch there glowed like the lens of a calcium-night machine after the colored sildes have been dropped into position. PASSER-BY FIRST

TO DISCOVER THE FIRE.

The building was deserted, even the janitor being away at supper. Messrs, L. A. Blackford and T. M. McCorkell, who chanced to be walking south on Spring avenue, first noticed the light in the window.
"The choir must be down early," commented Blackford, who lives in the neigh-

"It's too early," responded McCorkell; that can't be the church light, anyway; look how it glows. The church is on fire As it in confirmation of his conclusion a tiny tongue of flame shot through the roof, and the two young men shouted "Fire!" and dashed to the alarm box at West Pine boulevard and Spring avenue. McCorkell returned from the pastor's

home at No. 2022 West Pine boulevard v the Reverend Mr. Short, who opened box with his key. Blackwell attempted to manipulate the alarm, but it failed to respond. All three tried, with the same re-

While McCorkell went north to Westminster place the Reverend Mr. Short returned home to telephone to the central fire-alarm station, but Mrs. Short already had done

Doctor Short then hurried over to the church and a few minutes later the Fire Department arrived. It was immediately discovered that the blaze had been caused by the furnace, which

had been overheated for the choir practice. The basement and auditorium were smoking from the flames that had been smothered until an opening had burned in a section of the roof.
Within twenty minutes after the depart-

ment arrived the flames had been extinguished, but the crowd that had assem-bled to see the noble building destroyed was not so easily convinced that such was not going to be the case

### DAMAGE CONFINED TO THE AUDITORIUM.

The rainbow col- of flashed from the windows had frightened the church members present and Captain Evans had to repeat his estimate several times before they could quite realize that \$5.000 would cover the damage to the smoked arches and ruined uphoistering of the church powe. "The whole auditorium will have to be refresched and refurnished," sald Cantain Evans, "but I think they can hold services

to-morrow if the congregation can put up to-morrow if the congregation can put up with a few inconveniences."

It is feared that the pipe organ was damaged by water, but Organist Charles Galloway was of the opinion that the mustcal features of to-day's services could be carried out.

A meeting was held at the pastor's residence later in the evening and it was decided to hold services at 2:30 o'clock this afterneon at the church instead of in the foreneon.

foreneon.

St. Peter's Church is one of the handsomest houses of worship of its size in the
circ. It is built of white limestone and the
interior is eiaborately decorated. The organ is among the finest in the West.

## LEADING TOPICS PROBABLY WILL BE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

1. Buffalo Searching for One Big Idea, United Effort to Improve the City.

2. Strike of Santa Fe Telegraphers. . Yates's Absence Caused Gloom.

Jessie Morrison Takes New Courage Trousseaus of Two Heirerses, Death of J. W. Coppinger. 7. New Theory of Voice Culture. Historical View of World's Fairs.

James G. Blaine to Wed Again. St. Louis Woman Hurt in a Wreck. Will Recommend Creed Revision. Candidates Await Dockery's Return, Students Injured in a Rush.

Poured Beer Into Sewers. 10. The Rivers. Basis of Congressional Mepresentation No Bill With These Pigs' Feet.

11. Think They Have De Wet in a Tran. 12. Tod Sloan May Be Barred at Frisco. Boston to Enter the Yacht Races. 13. Golf News.

15. Turners and Merchants at Altenheim Wined Out Three Yale Societies.

16. Many Candidates for State Offices.

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Missouri Democrats. 7. "The Brandywine Wall." Increased Interest in World's Fair. Martinge and Death Notices. Crusaders to Plan New Campaign

& Secret of Submarine Boat

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5. What the Theaters Offer.

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7. Stocks Ruled Dull.

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Estate Advertisements. Hollday Book Offerings.

Lost Looking for Mother 14. Lolges Choose Officers.

### FUTURE CZAR'S BRIDE.

She Will Be the Princess Cecilia of Mecklenberg-Schwerin.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Berlin, Dec. 8 .- (Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—According to news received here from Copenhagen and confirmed from St. Petersburg, it is not any English Princess who has been selected as a bride for the future Czar of Russia, but Princess Cacilia of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, sister of the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, and niece, therefore, of Duke Henry who is bethrothed to the Queen of

The mother of the young Princess is the Russian Grand Duchess Anastusia, daughter of old Grand Duke Michael, and sister therefore, of that other Grand Duk-Michael who married Countess Torby. The Grand Duchess and her daughter have many American friends at Cannes, where they always spend the winters, and where the husband of the former committed sul-cide in such a tragic fashion three years ago by throwing himself off a bridge some rocks below, breaking his neck.

### ANTHONY POOR IS CONVICTED. Penalty Fixed at Sixty Years in the Penitentiary.

Collins. Mo., Dec. 8.—Anthony Poor, who, June last, killed John Adams for his money, while they were en route overland to Oklahoma, was to-day found guilty of murder in the second degree and his punishment assessed at sixty years in the peni-

# TRIED SEPARATELY.

Chairman Wiggins Thinks Cases of Meier and Martin Caunot Be Merged.

START TO BE MADE AT ONCE.

Motion to Be Offered in the Council Tuesday to Make Arrangements for Proceedings-Accused Men Silent.

In order to proceed immediately in fulfilling the recommendations of the special committee of the City Council to try Commissioner of Supplies Fred C. Meier and Deputy Commissioner of Supplies George H. Martin, the former on a charge of neglect of duty, and the latter on the charge of misconduct in office, a motion will be offered in the City Council Tuesday that arrangements be made to begin the two trials. Chairman Wiggins said last night that he would make this motion, if no one else

does, so that the procedure may be commenced without delay and he terminated as soon as possible. Considering the vast amount of work done by the committee and the unanimous adoption of the report, he thinks there should be no lagging in pursuing the course prescribed. The voluminous report, embodying the committee's abstract of conclusions and the array of testimony, embraced in about 500 typewrit-ten pages practically outlines the method of trial and probably will facilitate the

Although originally of the opinion that it might be possible to merge the charges and have only one trial, if the Council were so disposed. Mr. Wiggins has since decided that this would not be practicable. It will be necessary, therefore, he believes, to con-duct two distinct trials. The Council, naturally, will have to decide on the best means to accomplish this purpose and to devise a satisfactory plan for conducting

the proceedings.
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Commissioner of Supplies Meler and his deputy, George II. Martin, were seen at II o'clock yesterday morning in the City Hail. Both said that they had not read the entire report, and that they had not read the entire report, and that they had not read the entire report, and that they had not read the entire report, and that they had not read the entire report, and that they had not estimated the charges preferred by the Special Investigating Committee. Mr. Meler said that he had not made any plans relative to the charges, but that he had resolved, nevertheless, to make an earnest defense. While he has not engaged an autorney, he will likely do so.

Mr. Martin was at his desk in his office. He said that he had made no arrangements whatever as yet, and that he wold make no statements concerning the charges, excepting at the trial.

President Meler of the City Council, the father of Commissioner of Supplies Meler, under ordinary decumed improbable that he will act as chairman durins the proceedings yesterday be said he had not concluded what he will do. Mr. Horton, as Vice President of the body, is expected to officiale.

In its report the committee arraigned all rity officials of the last twenty-two years for violating the ordinance requiring that requisitions he tendered the Commissioner of Supplies on the 1st of the month for articles needed in the next thirty days Mr. Wiggins declared last night that h's committee will emphasize this statement and urge compiance with the ordinance, as obedience would result in a vast saving to the city.

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In addition, he will introduce an ordinance, or some other member of the committee will, providing that all city institutions that receive supplies be furnished scales so that weights may be proved. The object of this action would be to obviate the possibility of loss to the city by inaccuracies or short-axes in weight. Another thing the committee will impress on the Council will be the necessity of advertising for proposals for all purchases. Mr. Wiggins thinks favoritism, division of responsibility among officials and various cells, recardless of native, would be greatly removed by strict adherence to the regulation.

### LIVE STOCK SHOW CLOSES. Largest Crowd of the Week Was in Attendance.

Chicago, Ill. Dec. 8.—The International Live Stock Exposition came to an end to-day with the judging of the merits of different feeds as shown by the carcasses of the animals slaughtered for this purpose Thursday, and the awards to the students of the agricultural colleges on their skill in judging stock. To-day was children's day, and the largest crowd of the week was in attendance. To-night, for the last time, the prize-winning animals of the exposition were paraded in the paddocks and in the big amphitheater of the Exposition building.

### BANK BOOKKEEPER ARRESTED. Charged With Defalcations to the

Extent of \$2,600.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 8.—C. Alfred Scharsch, head bookkeeper of the Fourth National Bank, was arrested this afternoon, charged with defalcations to the extent of \$2,600.

## UNITED EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE CITY.

Newspaper Publishers of St. Louis Invite Cooperation of All Interests to Obtain Needed Legislation---Conference Tuesday.

### \* THOSE WHO ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

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	Invitations to be present at the meeting for the good of St. Louis, to be held
at	the Mercantile Clair. Theoday evening, have been sent to the following gen-
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	P. Walbridge
	alcoim MachethPresident Real Estate Exchange
	L. Whitelaw President Merchants' Exchange
1.	D. Kingsland President Manufacturers' Association
	C. PiercePresident St. Louis Club
J	hn D. Davis
	corge T. Cram
H	S. Fotter
B	J. StraussPresident Calumbian Club
R	ohert Moore
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	J. Spencer
N	CArthur Johnston
e	harles J. Kestuta President Furniture Board of Trade
	M. Fry Fresident Lumberman's Club
	terre Chouteau
r	R. Francis
	illiam H. Thompson Chairman Finance Committee World's Fair
	harles W. Knapp Editor and Manager of The Republic
N	athan Frank
D	M. Houser
	Villiam C. SteigersBusiness Manager Post-Dispatch
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G	corge A. ShivesBusiness Manager, Chronicle
1	Villiam Druhe Amerika
3	J. Lowenstein Secretary St Louis Newspaper Publishers' Association
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	lobert E. McMathPresident Board of Public Improvements
1	saac H. Sturgeon Comptroller
F	rederick Gabel Assistant Comptroller
E	F. W. Meler President Council
	E. MurrellSpeaker House of Delegates
H	enjamin Schnurmacher City Counseler
	President Board of Police Commissioners

The urgent necessity for quickly improving the physical condition of St. Louis in preparation for the World's Fair has let the daily newspapers of the city to unite in proposing the creation of a nonpartisan commission to consider means for obtaining the needed legislation.

In accordance with this pian, the St. Louis Daily Newspaper Publishers Association has sent out invitations to representatives of the social and commercial interests of the city, and to representatives of the present municipal administration, to meet in room "L" of the Mercantile Club next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the proposition and taking such action as may be deemed best.

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"Please notify the secretary if you will attend, or, if not, furnish him with the name of your poay. Respectfully "ST, Louis NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS" ASSOCIATION.

the most earnest advocates of the p tion—that at any point in the progre In the following invitation, sent out by the secretary of the St. Louis Daily Newspaper Publishers' Association, either interests of the city are also invited to unite for

### CHARTER AMENDMENTS WOULD BE THE QUICKEST.

the same cause:

"It has become apparent that legislation of some sort, either by amendment of the City Charter or by constitutional amendment, is urgently needed if St. Louis is to be put in condition for the World's Fair. Means must be devised to raise additional revenue for the growing wants of the city and to enable St. Louis to meet requirements due to conditions radically different from those in existence when the Scheme and Charter were anopted twenty-four years ago.

The necessity for such remedial legislation has been clearly shown by the press of St. Louis, and it is proposed by the St. Louis Daily Newspaper Publishers' Association that a nenparisan commission, composed of eminent citizens of St. Louis, be created to consider means of securing needed legislation.

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"ST. LOUIS NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS'
ASSOCIATION.
"Per M. J. Lowenstein, secretary.
"For the Globe-Democrat, D. M. Houser, President.
"For the Republic Charles W. Knapp, Editor and Marager.
"For the Post-Dispatch, William C. Sielgers, Business Manager.
"For the Star, Nathan Frank, President."
THREE PLANS
ARE PROPOSED.
It seems agreed that it is impossible to raise funds for the necessary improvement of St. Louis except through special legislation. Several means of obtaining this are suggested.

One is for a constitutional convention, to be called by the General Assembly, which meets in January, and which would have the power, should the voters of the State indorse the call, to remove certain limitations of the taxing power and readjust the

## COUNCILMAN HODGES HAS A PLAN

him to a Republic reporter, is simply to ticable or some other and better way out take from the city the duty of providing the of the difficulty may be found. But at presfunes with which to pay the expenses of the Police Department, and invest that duty in the State. His plan is that the police budget shall still be paid by the citizens of St. Louis, but the State shall do the collecting, the "special tax" being over and above the amount collected by the city for the purposes of municipal and county govern-

"It is my impression," said Centale Hodges, "that the State Constitution vests in the General Assembly the power to create special tax districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for special purposes. If my impression is correct—and City Coun-selor Schnurmacher told me he thought it was-I see no reason why the General Assembly could not, and should not, constitute the City of St. Louis a special tax district, and levy a special tax for the purpose of raising the revenue with which to pay the police force of the city.

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"The plan is for a system similar to that now employed in securing funds for public schools, for levee districts, and such things. There would probably be differences in detail; but the idea I have is generally the same. I estimate that a rate of about 57

terday that after consultation with Assistant Counstroiler Frederick Gabel and City Counselor, Benjamin Schnurmacher, he had roughly outlined a plan which he thought would prove of some benefit to the city in its attempt to solve the financial problem. would prove of some denoted the financial problem its attempt to solve the financial problem much money to improvements, which now confronts it.

"As I explained, this plan is not yet fully developed. I may find that it is not practice."

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ter of Colonel Cornwallis-West. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

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"Grosvenor House, London—I am desired by the Duke of Westminster to ask you to be good enough to arrange for the insertion of the following announcement."

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"We are authorized to announce the en-agement of the Duke of Westminster to Miss Sheingh Cornwallis-West, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, of Ruth-

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